SUBJECT No. 441.

Shimoga College.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality

Summary of discussion.—This useful institution may be re-established. It was in existence for nearly thirty years before its abolition in 1905. It did excellent work and showed steady progress. The malnad is notoriously backward in education and a College in the malnad was a great incentive to education. The F. A. Examination has become practically the entrance examination now. By the abolition of the College, the poor malnad people are deprived of the advantage of higher education. No appreciable saving is effected by the abolition of the College. What is now wanted in addition to the present staff is a distinguished graduate on Rs. 300, as Principal, and an Assistant on Rs. 100. Formerly, that is, when Mr. King came to Shimoga in 1882, he was getting only Rs. 250. It was said that there was a saving of Rs. 12,000, by the abolition of the College, which is not correct.

The Inspector-General of Education observed that the University is not likely to sanction the establishment of a second grade College at Shimoga.

Mr. Balakrishna Rao asked that if the re-establishment of the Shimoga College is not possible the number and amount of scholarships granted may be increased.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 442.

Establishment of an Industrial School at Shimoga.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Government were pleased to observe in their Proceedings No. 13187-91—Ed. (257-05)-3, dated 27th June 1906, that the opening of an Industrial School at Shimoga was deferred for want of accommodation. Accommodation is available and Government may therefore be pleased to open the school as early as possible.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The matter will be expedited.

SUBJECT No. 443.

Improvement of Shimoga Town, drainage and water-supply.

Messrs. C. Subba Rao, B.A., B.L., Nagara Sabha, T. Venkatappa, Shimoga Taluk, A. Narasimha Iyengar, District Board Member, Shimoga District, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The town of Shimoga is in urgent need of many sanitary improvements. The town is in need of both water-supply and drainage. There is no hope for the improvement of the town, if both these schemes are not introduced at an early date.

(*b*) Mere water-supply without drainage will not be altogether beneficial. The unhealthiness of the place is due more to the want of drainage. Even rain-water is not drained off. There are a number of pits of various dimensions where rain water and even sewage water stagnate for nearly eight months in the year, breeding all sorts of diseases. These pits should be filled up or drained.

Reply of Government.—The water-supply project is under consideration. The other matters have been noted.